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Reseda odorata. Oct. 21st, still in flower, not abundant; frost checked flowering.

Callirhoe pedata. A few plants in flower Nov. 2d.

Phlox Drummondii. In flower Nov. 1st, only sparsely.

Pilea pumila In flower Oct. 8th.

Phleum pratense. In flower Oct. 12th.

Gaura Lindheimerii. In flower Oct. 22d.

Oxalis corniculata. In flower Oct. 22d; plants revived after a frost early in October.

## Botanical Notes.

The Compilation of the Systematic and Alphabetic Index of New Species of North American Phanerogams and Pteridophytes, published in 1892, is now in preparation at the United States National Herbarium. The index will be more nearly complete and published at an earlier date if all botanists will promptly send to Dr. Vasey, Chief of the Botanical Division, their recent monographs and reprints of articles in botanical works.

Plantæ Schlechterianæ. The undersigned has been fortunate enough to induce a German gardener, Herr Schlecter, established in the Cape Colony, to participate in the publishing of botanical collections from South Africa, and to make an agreement with him concerning the enterprise.

The several centuries are to be distributed at regular intervals; the disposition of the material is left to the choice of the undersigned in concert with various monographers. The first six hundred or even one thousand numbers are destined to be distributed in the course of this year, and have their origin in the sonthern corner of the colony; they are well prepared and perfectly dried.

In accordance with my advice Schlechter has now gone to the northeastern districts of the colony, intending to follow up his explorations in the Transvaal, etc., during the next year. Provided the sale of the first centuries, destined to be given out before the end of the year, be regular and ascertained, the separate price for those of this as well as of next year, will be thirtyfive francs. This amount will have to be paid after the receipt of each century.

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## Index to Recent Literature Relating to American Botany.

Anhalonium Lewinii. (Monats. Kakteenk i. 93).

Aristolochia Sipho. (Gard. and For. v. 509; illustrated).

Aster surculosus. (Gard. and For. v. 520, with figure).

Botanical Laboratory—The. G. H. Hicks. (The Speculum, xii. 51).

A description and illustration of the Botanical Laboratory of Agricultural College, Michigan.

Botanical Notes from Central Texas. E. N. Plank. (Gard. and For. v. 351).

Quercus Durandii, Q. macrocarpa, Dalea frutescens, Lonicera albiflora, Vernonia Lindheimeri, Prosopis juliflora, Sapindus acuminatus, Ungnadia speciosa, Solanum heterodoxum, Pellæa ternata, Philibertia undulata, Desmodium Wrightii, Galactia heterophylla, Talinum lineare, Oxalis vespertilionis, Cassia Lindheimeri, C. pumilio, Mollugo Cerviana, Cissus stans, C. incisa, C. Ampelopsis and Rubus trivialis are among many interesting plants noted from near Lampasas and Llano.

Botany. (Ottawa Nat. vi. 113).

Among other interesting notes Asplenium Ruta-muraria is reported as occurring in the Province of Ontario, it previously not having been known north of Vermont and Michigan. Three northwestern plants, Helianthus rigidus, Lepachys columnaris and Grindelia squarrosa are also reported as introduced into Canada. So is also Euphorbia marginata.

Brunissure et la Maladie de Californie—La. P. Viala et C. Sauvageau (Journ. de Bot. vi. 378).

With illustration of Plasmodiophora Vitis, n. sp.

California Vine Discase—The. Newton B. Pearce. (U. S. Depart. Agric. 1892; illustrated).

The preliminary report of investigations covering a period of